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FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION ON OCTOBER 17 AT 12:00
OLD TRADITIONS IN A NEW STATE: CREEK FAMILIES IN ALABAMA
PRESENTED BY ALEX COLVIN

Montgomery, AL (10/1/19)- *Food for Thought* continues another year of fascinating lectures on the rich history of Alabama at the Alabama Department of Archives and History on **Thursday, October 17 at 12:00 pm** when Dr. Alex Colvin will present ***Old Traditions in a New State: Creek Families in Alabama***.

Colvin's presentation will focus on the Creek community that formed in the Mobile-Tensaw region. She will examine the continuation of Creek traditions, particularly matrilineal inheritance, as their property and community became legally incorporated into the state of Alabama in 1819. Using court and legal records, Colvin will tell the stories of the Creeks as they utilized wills, the Orphans Court, and the Alabama Supreme Court to uphold traditional customs even as aspects of their everyday lives changed.

Alex Colvin is the Public Programs Curator at the Alabama Department of Archives and History. She earned her B.A. from Samford University, and her M.A. and Ph.D. from Auburn University. Her dissertation, titled "The Sehoy Legacy: Kinship, Gender, and Property in a Tensaw Creek Community, 1783-1851" won the Distinguished Dissertation Award from Auburn University.

Admission to *Food for Thought* presentations is always **FREE**. The public is invited to bring a brown bag lunch. Complimentary beverages will be provided. **For additional information call (334) 353-4689.**

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The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government-records repository, a special-collections library and research facility, and home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. The EBSCO Research Room is open Tuesday through Friday and the second Saturday of the month from 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 242-4364.

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